

**# 633 - BUSINESS MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF MASTER PLUMBERS - PUBLIC SESSION - MINUTES - APRIL 28, 2016**

The minutes of the April 28, 2016 Board Meeting have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification by the Public Body at its regular meeting on May 26, 2016.

The notice of the April 28, 2016 meeting has been mailed to the Star Ledger, Camden Courier Post, and Trenton Times newspapers, and has also been posted on the Bulletin Board at the Office of the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey.

The Board meeting of April 28, 2016 was called to order at 9:00 am with the following Members in attendance:

Peter Voros, Chairman

Michael K. Maloney, Vice-Chairman

Michael L. Sestanovich, Secretary

James McManus, Jr.

Robert B. Reeve

Adam J. Sabath

Paul N. Bontempo, absent

Donald B. Dileo

Thomas C. Pitcherello, State Government Representative

Others in attendance:

The following individuals were in attendance from 9:00 a.m. until closing at 3:00 pm:

Joseph A. Donofrio, Counseling Deputy Attorney General (DAG)

Rosemarie Baccile, Acting Executive Director

Jamie Hall, Agency Services Representative

Public visitors:

Thomas F. Walsh, LMP # 7854

Jonathan Landesman, Cohen Seglias, Philadelphia PA, for Stephen Worth, Worth and Co.

Keith Konopka, Licensed Master HVACR Contractor

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Peter Voros led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and requested that Members join in a moment of silence in recognition of U.S. troops serving our Country.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES of the FEBRUARY 25, 2016 MEETING

APPROVAL of the MINUTES of the MARCH 24, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Donald B. Dileo and seconded by Thomas C. Pitcherello to approve the minutes of both the February 25, 2016 and March 24, 2016 meetings. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

BOARD BUSINESS

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS - &- CAPACITIES

MAYOR PETER I. VOROS ~ MASTER PLUMBER MEMBER ~ CHAIRMAN

MICHAEL K. MALONEY ~ MASTER PLUMBER MEMBER - VICE CHAIRMAN

MICHAEL L. SESTANOVICH ~ INSPECTOR MEMBER - SECRETARY

ROBERT B. REEVE, LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER # 7388

JAMES MC MANUS, JR., JOURNEYMAN MEMBER

DONALD B. DILEO ~ PUBLIC MEMBER

PAUL N. BONTEMPO - PUBLIC MEMBER

ADAM J. SABATH ~ PUBLIC MEMBER

THOMAS C. PITCHERELLO, STATE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

The Nine (9) Board Member complement is complete with the appointment of Thomas C. Pitcherello on August 26, 2015.

1.) BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A.45:14C-6 the Board's Acting Executive Director opened the floor to nominations for the year 2016.

CHAIRMAN

James McManus nominated Peter Voros as Chairman.
The nomination was seconded by Donald Dileo.
A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.
Peter Voros accepted the nomination.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Donald Dileo nominated Michael Maloney as Vice-Chairman.
The nomination was seconded by Robert Reeve.
A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.
Michael Maloney accepted the nomination.

SECRETARY

Michael Maloney nominated Michael Sestanovich as Secretary.
The nomination was seconded by Donald Dileo.
A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.
Michael Sestanovich accepted the nomination.

CLOSING

A motion was made by Robert Reeve and seconded by James McManus to close all nominations. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

- 2.) N.J.S.A. 45:14C-12.4 EXEMPTION - “The provisions of this amendatory and supplementary act shall not apply to a single family home owner who performs plumbing work on his own dwelling. THOMAS F. WALSH, PLBG. SUBCODE OFFICIAL, TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK - LETTER DATED: MARCH 7, 2016

On April 28 , 2016, the Board held a discussion of the issues raised by Mr. Walsh in his letter of March 7, 2016. A motion was made by Michael Maloney and seconded by Adam J. Sabath to seek an **opinion from the Attorney General** to interpret whether or not this exemption pertains to a dwelling that is “owner occupied.” A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

- 3.) INQUIRY REGARDING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS - WATER METERS
JOSEPH LENEGAN, LMP #9034, T/A LENEGAN PLBG & HTG - MARCH 28, 2016

On April 28, 2016, DAG Joseph Donofrio advised that he will explore the jurisdictions with respect to the initial installation of a water meter versus the replacement of the water meter. The Board noted that the Board of Public Utilities has jurisdiction for regulating the water meters, and yet the installation of a water meter inside of a home is regarded as plumbing work.

A motion was made by Donald Dileo and seconded by Michael Sestanovich that DAG Donofrio explore the jurisdictions with respect to water meters. It is noted that responding to Questions (1) and (2): The jurisdiction remains with the utility company; Question (3) is pending Board response. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

- (4.) MASTER PLUMBER’S APPLICATION - LETTER DATED: APRIL 7, 2016
STEPHEN WORTH, JONATHAN LANDESMAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW
The Board held a discussion in Executive Closed session and returned to report these findings.

On April 28, 2016, Stephen Worth was in attendance with his attorney, Jonathan Landesman, where Mr. Worth stated that he is seeking the Board’s approval as a candidate for examination toward gaining his license as a Master Plumber. Mr. Worth stated that he is not seeking his Master Plumber’s license by reciprocity; however, he detailed his Philadelphia credentials and work history of (40) years in the plumbing trade, as qualifying himself for the Master Plumber’s examination for New Jersey. A motion was made by Michael Maloney and seconded by Adam J. Sabath, as follows: ♦Mr. Worth advised that he completed an apprenticeship program in Philadelphia PA from 1976 to 1980, at Local 690; ♦Establish if that program was ever approved by the Department of Labor;

♦Mr. Worth must meet N.J.A.C. 13:32-2.2 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 1) Has completed a four-year apprenticeship program approved by the United States Department of Labor, which includes education in propane services that meets the requirements of (c) and has completed, after the end of the apprenticeship, one year of practical hands-on experience as a journeyman plumber in New Jersey, consisting of at least 1,200 hours of practical hands-on experience. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

5.) BILL COMMENT S1922 - POOL & SPA SERVICE CONTRACTORS

On April 28, 2016 the Board noted that this legislation creates two (2) new license types for the installation and maintenance of pools and spas. Members noted that the legislation also exempts the Licensed Master Plumber, whereby the Master Plumber will continue to perform the plumbing services in conjunction with these tasks.

Members voted in a motion made by Michael Maloney and seconded by Adam J. Sabath that the Board is not opposed to this legislation. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

6.) ROBERT CAMPANELLI, ETHICS OFFICER -
ETHICS MODULE - DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mr. Robert Campanelli attended this meeting to present his ethics session to all Members. Documents were signed and completed by Members to prove their attendance at this session. Paul Bontempo was absent and may enroll on-line to complete the ethics course.

◆ *It is noted that applications for the Master Plumber's examination, Master Plumber's business registration forms, and Bona fide Representative registrations are reviewed by Board Members during the course of each business meeting.*

Applications for Medical Gas Piping installers, brazers and instructors are also reviewed at this time.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION MOTION:

A motion was made by Donald B. Dileo and seconded by Michael K. Maloney, to proceed into Executive Closed Session to review consumer complaint matters, conduct investigative inquiries, discuss unlicensed advertisements, unlicensed practice matters, consider administrative closings, investigations of possible violations of applicable law, pending or anticipated litigation, matters under investigation, the DAG caseload, and review matters within the attorney-client relationship exception to the Open Public Meetings Act.

The subject of this discussion shall remain confidential until such time as the reasons for having this matter in Executive Closed Session are no longer applicable. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

Submitted by,

Rosemarie S. Baccile, Acting Executive Director